



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KOYAMA, Eiichi et al.**

Serial No.: **09/726,381**

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For: **THREE-DIMENSION CERAMICS STRUCTURE AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 22, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 22, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 17 and 19-21, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A three-dimensional ceramics structure, comprising:

a three-dimensional ceramics structure of solely ceramic material, obtained by baking an intermediate comprising a three-dimensional fabric having continuous apertures and ceramics materials adhered to surfaces of yarns constituting said three-dimensional fabric to eliminate organic components of said three-dimensional fabric, wherein said three-dimensional fabric comprises upper and lower fabric layers disposed apart at a certain distance and each having a plurality of apertures and connecting yarns connecting said upper fabric layer with said lower fabric layer.